



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Communications (January 7, 1992 through January 28, 1992)

MEETING DATE: February 5, 1992

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

#### AGENDA ITEM

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council review the letter received from David E. Rice regarding the Lodi Police Department's decision to discontinue monitoring silent alarms because of its difficulty in maintaining its obsolete equipment and take action **as** deemed appropriate.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following communication was received between the dates of January 7, 1992 and January 28, 1992.

Attached, marked Exhibit A, is a letter from David Rice, 10 North School Street, Lodi asking that the City Council reconsider the decision to have the Lodi Police Department discontinue monitoring silent alarms effective March 6, 1997 because of its difficulty in maintaining its obsolete equipment. Mr. Rice *is* requesting that this matter be placed on the February 19, 1992 agenda.

FUNDING: **None** required.

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January 27, 1992

The City Council  
City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
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Honorable Sirs:

This letter is in regard to correspondence of January 3, 1992 over the signature of Captain Larry Hansen of the Lodi Police Department. In this correspondence, Captain Hansen advises that the Lodi Police Department will no longer monitor silent alarms due to the difficulty in maintaining their obsolete equipment.

Many of the businesses currently connected to the direct board, as well as many of those who were asked to find alternative monitoring services in the past, would prefer to see that this service is continued.

Since receiving Captain Hansen's notice, I have contacted a number of law enforcement agencies that provide this service to their businesses and residents as well as a number of companies that make and install equipment necessary to provide this invaluable service.

In talking to various individuals within our own Police Department as well as other departments throughout the state of California, I have received many comments both pro and con with regard to police monitoring alarms directly. Perhaps the strongest argument in favor of direct monitoring is the ability to dispatch an officer to an alarm much quicker than when alarms are routed through an answering service or central station.

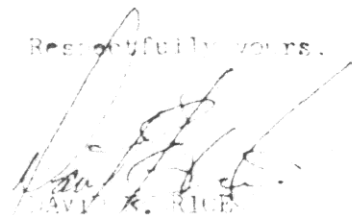
Some of the negatives included cost of equipment, dispatchers time taken to contact responsible responders and the most frequently mentioned, false alarms.

As a business owner in Lodi who is currently connected to the Police Board, I would appreciate the opportunity to address this issue before the City Council prior to the Police Department's final disconnect date of March 6, 1992.

Accordingly, I would ask that I be allowed to address the Council as a non-agenda item at the meeting of February 10, 1992, and also ask that this matter be placed on the agenda for February 17, 1992, so that concerned alarm subscribers may address this issue.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
DAVID K. RICE

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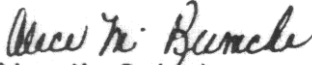
Mr. David Aice  
10 North School Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear David:

This letter will confirm that reconsideration of the decision to discontinue the Police Department's monitoring of silent alarms will appear on the Regular Calendar of the Agenda for the City Council meeting of March 4, 1992.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Very truly yours,

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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